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MEMORANDUM FOR:
Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Paramount Pictures Request

1. It is hoped that the following information will assist, per your request of 8 June, in responding to the Braverman request. I'm sorry that it took this long, but the requested text of the Donovan farewell address was not in HIC and had to be acquired from another source. It was received today, and a copy is attached.

2. For the OSS role in Italy, particularly anecdotal material, you might suggest the following:

CAVE-BROWN, Anthony, The Secret War Report of the OSS. New York, Berkley Medallion (paperback), 1976. [The editor has inserted much personal research material as explanatory of the official text.]

U.S., War Department, Office of Strategic Services, War Report of the OSS. New York, Walker and Company, 1976. [Introduction by Kermit Roosevelt.]

U.S., War Department, Office of Strategic Services, The Overseas Targets: War Report of the OSS, Volume II. [Introduction by Kermit Roosevelt.] New York, Walker and Company, 1976.

FORD, Corey, Donovan of OSS. Boston, Little, Brown, 1970.

SMITH, Harris, OSS: The Secret History of America's First Central Intelligence Agency. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1972.

TOMPKINS, Peter, A Spy in Rome. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1962. [Avon Paperback V-2068, same author and title, New York, Avon, 1962.]

ALSOP, Stewart, Sub Rosa: The OSS and American Espionage. New York, Harcourt Brace & World, 1964.

DOWNES, Donald C., The Scarlet Threat: Adventures in Wartime Espionage. New York, British Book Centre, 1953.

BLUEBOOK MAGAZINE - [From January 1946 through May 1949, Bluebook Magazine published a series by Lt. Cmdr. Richard M. Kelly, featuring the exploits of OSS personnel. The Production Company might wish to examine a number of these articles for background and anecdotal material.] Examples:

One Against a Thousand - Lt. George M. Hearn bluffing the 1100 Germans in Chioggia, Italy, into surrendering themselves and eight batteries of .88 guns. [February 1946]

Operation Aztec - Captain Bennucci and two sergeants parachute into Italy behind German lines and organize the Partisans. [May 1946]

Torture Preferred - More on the Aztec Mission and the 10-day inquisition of Sgt. Salvadore Fabrega by the Germans. [June 1946.]

Behind Gothic Lines - Two stories from the author's own experiences as commander of the OSS 33 Maritime Unit on the Adriatic coast of Italy in 1944; Operation Ossining III and Operation Packard. [April 1947]

The Bionda Mission - Secret OSS radio behind German lines provides information for the capture of Ravenna and organization of a Partisan regiment. [May 1947]

Fabulous Five - OSS radio team behind enemy lines in Italy. [date not indicated on our copy]

Secret Agents at Anzio - Secret operations under Major Rosetti and Captain Chrusz which supported the defense of the Anzio Beachhead. [date not indicated on our copy.]

Secret Warfare - More on Rosetti's behind-the-lines missions. [May 1949]

3. And, finally, in regard to the Charles "Lucky" Luciano story: This is primarily a Navy story, and they might wish to examine the following works:

GOSCH, Martin A, and Richard Hammer, The Last Testament of Lucky Luciano. Boston, Little Brown, 1975.

VIIZZINI, Sal, with Oscar Fraley and Marshall Smith, Vizzini: The Secret Lives of America's Most Successful Undercover Agent. New York, Arbor House, 1972.

CAMPBELL, Rodney, The Luciano Project: The Secret Wartime Collaboration of the Mafia and the U.S. Navy. New York, McGraw Hill, [due for publication in November 1977.]

4. You may also wish to suggest that they contact Otto C. Doering, Esq., of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irving, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10020. He was executive officer of OSS and a law partner of General Donovan.

5. Should it be determined subsequently that your office would desire to render further assistance to The Production Company, I would suggest that Mr. Thomas Troy of the Office of Training be considered ~~for~~ as a contact officer. He is, of course, the author of the two-volume classified study of General Donovan and OSS, and perhaps the most familiar with materials held in Agency archives, the Presidential libraries, etc., on this topic.

6. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please advise.



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Attachment